
**LOCAL OFFICE
RESPONSIBILITIES**

One of the strengths of the Indian outreach program is that the services provided are tailored to the needs of the local Indian community. Services provided by the Indian outreach worker (IOW) may include, but are not limited to:

- Working directly with individuals, families, or groups of Indian descent.
- Providing community education on issues and concerns of Indians.
- Serving as the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) liaison on various community collaborative efforts.
- Coordinating needed services between agencies and/or individuals working with Indian families or individuals.
- Serving as an expert witness in Indian child welfare cases with the approval of the child's tribe.
- Acting as a local office resource person for MDHHS staff.
- Assisting MDHHS staff (cash, Medicaid and food programs; child care, child welfare and adult services, etc.) in providing culturally competent services by facilitating an understanding of the multi-faceted problems faced by Indians and any underlying issues.

Service delivery responsibilities of IOWs are diverse and reflect the needs and priorities of the local office and the Indian community.